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22 MR. WALKER: My name is Jamieson Walker. I am

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23 reading a statement on behalf of the Nye County Board of County

24 Commissioners.

25 The disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel

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1 and high-level waste at Yucca Mountain is one of the most
2 significant federal actions ever undertaken in terms of cost
3 and magnitude, but more importantly in the long-term
4 implications for the health and safety of the future of the
5 present and future generations of Nye County residents.

6 Nye County recognizes that the permanent
7 isolation of the wastes currently in storage at scores of sites
8 across the United States is an essential element of our
9 national energy policy.

10 Nye County also recognizes that the disposal of
11 these wastes at Yucca Mountain will reduce the threat to the
12 resources and the public's dependence upon those resources at
13 each of these sites.

14 However, the United States must recognize that
15 the reduction in risk at these sites will result in the
16 focusing of those risks on a single jurisdiction, my
17 jurisdiction as a Nye County Commissioner.

5 18 [The disposal of these wastes with a total
19 radioactivity on the order of 14 billion curies will most
20 certainly render the environment of Nye County vulnerable to
21 contamination well into the future and will pose a threat to
22 the citizens in shadow of the repository that will last for all
23 practical purposes in perpetuity.]

1 24 [Therefore, it is incumbent upon Nye County, the
25 United States and the decision makers to be fully aware of the

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1 direct, indirect, short-term and long-term impact of the
2 proposed action.

3 I am sorry to say that the Draft Environmental
4 Impact Statement does not adequately define, evaluate and
5 assess those impacts.

6 The repos -- the proposed repository at Yucca
7 Mountain raises a number of concerns to the citizens of Nye
8 County and the Nye County Board of County Commissioners.

9 First and foremost are the concerns related to
10 health and safety impacts. These include a number of
11 transportation issues.

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12 The nash -- national transportation network shown
13 in the Draft EIS points to the fact that the shipment of
14 wastes, whether by truck, rail or intermodal, will funnel all
15 of the waste shipments through Nye County.

16 The United States must take all necessary steps
17 to ensure that one, the wastes are safely transported; two, Nye
18 County residents are not subjected to additional risks; and
19 three, Nye County be given the capability to respond to any
20 accidents within its jurisdiction.

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21 The impacts of Yucca Mountain on the County's
22 precious water resources are also of paramount concern. The
23 proposed action will result in the release of radioactive
24 contamination into the only source of water available to the
25 community of Amargosa Valley.

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1 The proposed action has the potential to render
2 the water supplies of the City of Pahrump and all of
3 southeastern Nye County vulnerability to contamination.

4 The Department of Energy's hypothetically --
5 hypothetical maximally exposed individuals will be or will in
6 reality be Nye County's citizens, real people with real
7 families.

8 The United States must guarantee that the future
9 generations of Nye County residents will have a reliable supply
10 of safe water.

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11 The Draft EIS does not identify the measures that
12 will be taken to mitigate contamination or other adverse
13 impacts that will occur.

14 Further, mitigating measures are not identified
15 to provide Nye County the wherewithal to ensure that long-term
16 institutional controls are in place that will protect the
17 County's future residents.

18 The adverse impacts on our water resources must
19 be mitigated by guaranteeing Nye County a safe water supply and
20 by giving the County the wherewithal to implement and manage
21 comprehensive wellhead protection programs and continued
22 oversight of the repository.

23 Nye County must be guaranteed that comprehensive
24 monitoring will occur as long as the wastes at Yucca Mountain
25 pose a threat.

4 (cont'd.)

1 Nye County must also be guaranteed that those
2 charged with monitoring will have the institutional authority
3 and the technical and financial resources needed to provide
4 long-term protection of the health and welfare of the County
5 and its residents.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. LAWSON: Thank you very much.

8 MR. SKIPPER: Thank you for your comment.

9 MR. LAWSON: Our next speaker is Charles
10 Hilfenhaus.

11 MR. HILFENHAUS: Yes. Mr. Guarisco will not be
12 here today.

13 MR. LAWSON: Which one will not be here?

14 MR. HILFENHAUS: Mr. Guarisco.

15 MR. LAWSON: Oh, he will not?

16 MR. HILFENHAUS: He had to prepare for a meeting
17 next week in Chicago.

18 MR. LAWSON: And then following -- so you're
19 Mr. Hilfenhaus?

20 MR. HILFENHAUS: Yes. I'm Mr. Hilfenhaus.

21 MR. LAWSON: And then following you will be Mr.
22 Walker again speaking with another hat on, and then Shelby
23 Lisi.

24 Miss Lisi, will you be speaking?

25 MS. LISI: Just some short comments.

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